

## CITY WANTS TO SEE FRANCHISE OF THE R. I. S.

Commissioners Refuse to Sign Right of Way Petition for Uptown Terminal.

### MORE FRONTAGE DESIRED

Company Doesn't Have Consent of Majority of Property Owners on Fifth Avenue Route.

Until the Rock Island Southern officials present to the city commission the provisions of their franchise for an uptown terminal, the city does not consider the matter of signing the right of way petition for municipal property. The signatures of a majority of the property owners along the Fifth avenue and Eighteenth street route is required before an ordinance can be asked for.

The city has 340 feet of property along the suggested route, being Denkmann square and the central fire station. A week ago officials of the company urged that the council authorize Commissioner Jonas Bear, as head of the department of public property, to sign the petition consenting to the laying of tracks on Fifth avenue.

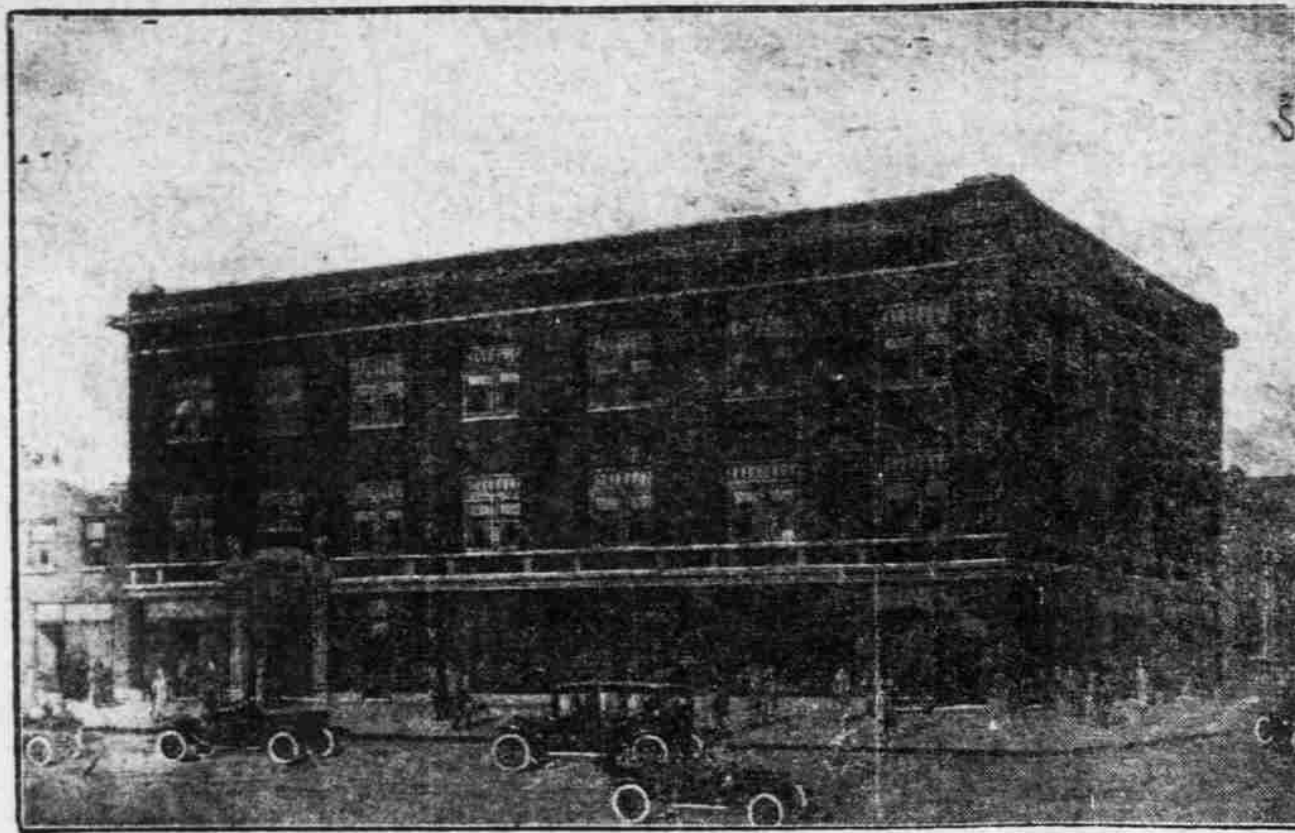
Yesterday afternoon the company renewed its petition, E. C. Walsh, Jr. and M. E. Sweeney, attorney for the company, both addressing the council on the matter. Mr. Sweeney stated that no freight traffic would be allowed on the new tracks desired and that only passenger, baggage, express and mail business would be taken care of. The company offered again to put up a suitable bond to protect the city in case the Fifth avenue sewer was damaged through interurban traffic.

The company has thus far failed to get a majority of the frontage along Fifth avenue and both of the above named gentlemen asked that the city sign the petition of consent in order to facilitate the work of putting the matter before the people this fall.

#### POSITION OF COUNCIL.

Commissioner Bear was in favor of

## THE EAGLES' NEW HOME



The new home to be erected by local Aerie No. 956, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at an expenditure of over \$50,000, will be in accordance with plans drawn by Architect O. Cervin. Ground will be broken about March 1, and the present quarters, located on the southwest corner of Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue, will be razed, the plan being to secure temporary quarters during the course of building operations.

The new home will be of pressed brick, three stories in height, the dimensions being 125x60. The project is in the hands of a building committee, comprising the following: Gus Bergeson, chairman; Joseph Grotgut, Fred Ehmk, Tom McMahon, Ed Tremann, Gust Eastberg, John Koverman, John Swanson and John Kramer. The local aerie at present has a membership of approximately 700.

the city signing the petition stating that he understood that the business interests of the city were much in favor of an uptown terminal. Commissioner Archie Hart also stated that he wanted to see the Southern come up town but thought the company should first present the conditions of its proposed franchise in order that the body could act intelligently in the matter.

Mayor Schriver said that all appreciated the inconveniences of the present terminal facilities of the company but suggested that some time this week the Southern present a rough draft of the principal provisions of the franchise wanted in order that the council and the company could discuss the same and frame a measure that would safeguard the public's interests as well as those of the interurban concern.

"I don't think the city ought to sign up any of its property on any proposition," declared Commissioner Rudgren, while Commissioner Reynolds remarked, "I want to see the franchise first."

With this sentiment manifest, the company did not further press its claims. It is understood that another attempt to secure the signature of property owners on the Fifth avenue route is to be made and when a majority has been secured, the company will take up the franchise proposition.

#### GRANT LICENSE

On motion of Commissioner Bear, B. H. Sward and E. H. Corbin were granted a theatre license to operate a moving picture show on Fourteenth avenue between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets. Objection was made by property owners to the location of the attraction on Thirty-eighth street and Fourteenth avenue and it was decided to place it around the corner on Fourteenth avenue.

The bond of S. S. Hull for \$500 as inspector of the work which is being done on the Milan bridges was approved. The sureties are G. Albert Johnson and C. J. Smith.

Edward Krell appeared before the council to protest against the sewer at 1807 Second avenue which he said was not working properly and which he said had caused cellars in that locality to be filled with water. Although the sewer is new having been put down with the new pavement, it has had to be cleaned out some four or five times. The city promised to remedy the matter at once.

A communication was read from Beardsley & Bailey withdrawing their names from the right of way petition of the Rock Island Southern.

The sum of \$83.20 was allowed the Driffl Printing company for printing electrical and building ordinances. This bill has been in dispute for months.

#### OBITUARY

**FUNERAL OF MRS. OBERMEIER.**  
The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Julia Obermeier, who committed suicide by drinking chloroform in her apartments Sunday morning, were held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Obermeier, 1819 1/2 Third avenue, at 9 o'clock this morning. Dean J. J. Quinn had charge and the burial was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

**FUNERAL OF MISS LUNDBERG.**  
The funeral services over the remains of Miss Frieda Lundberg were held at her late home 2402 Twelfth street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The remains were laid to rest in Chippianock.

**FUNERAL OF WILLIAM DON.**  
The remains of William Don were laid to rest in Chippianock cemetery this afternoon. The services were held at the home of Robert Don, 425 Brown street, Davenport, at 2 o'clock. Dr. Kaufman, pastor of the Davenport Presbyterian church, was in charge.

Your cough annoys you. Keep on hacking and tearing the delicate membranes of your throat if you want to be annoyed. But if you want relief, want to be cured, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Sold by all druggists. (Adv.)

## ALPHONS VENS IS BEING BROUGHT BACK FOR TRIAL

Belgian Indicted for Murder of Basil Martens Enroute From New York State.

### ARRIVES HERE TOMORROW

Deputy Sheriff Hughes Has no Trouble Getting Requisition Honored—Bruner Goes to Chicago.

(Special to The Argus.)

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Deputy Sheriff Thomas E. Hughes left here today with Alphons Vens, wanted in Rock Island for the murder of Basil Martens, Oct. 6. Governor Glynn of New York honored the requisition papers Saturday.

Vens' arrest was brought about by the publication of his photograph and description in a Belgian newspaper printed in Moline. When copies of the paper reached the Belgian district near Rochester, Vens fled, but was captured later at the home of a prominent Belgian business man.

#### GETS PAPERS.

The above dispatch tells of the success of Deputy Sheriff Thomas E. Hughes in having Governor Martin Glynn honor requisition papers for Vens who is alleged to be the murderer of Basil Martens, and who has been under arrest at Rochester. The legal documents were secured without any trouble on Saturday.

#### BRUNER LEAVES.

This morning Sheriff O. L. Bruner received a telegram from Deputy Hughes at Buffalo, New York, as follows:

"Meet Lake Shore at 9 tonight. La Salle station."  
Immediately upon receipt of this information Sheriff Bruner made plans to go to Chicago. He left at 12:55 this afternoon over the Rock Island and will meet Hughes and his man. It is his plan to place Vens in the Harrison street station this evening and tomorrow morning start for Rock Island, the party arriving at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Vens is already under indictment.

## WILL NOT RETURN POPULAR TRAIN

Rock Island Officials Deny Request of Committee of Tri-City Commercial Clubs.

### MAY BE RESTORED LATER

Faint Ray of Hope in Letter Received by Moline Man That Passenger Will Be Operated in Spring.

The popular bureau train, which operated between Bureau and the tri-cities and returned each day, being a great boon to the merchants of the three cities, will not be restored this winter, according to advices received by Arthur G. Brown, secretary of the committee who conferred with the Rock Island officials recently.

Mr. Brown received a letter from Fred Sebastian, general passenger agent of the Rock Island lines, stating that the train, No. 237, operating between Bureau and Davenport in the morning, and train No. 238, between Davenport and Bureau in the afternoon, would not be returned. The letter stated that the train was removed under direction of President Mudge of the road and that after considering the arguments of the committee who talked with the officials, it was found

inadvisable from an economical standpoint to restore the train.

#### FAINT RAY OF HOPE.

Although the letter was a blow to members of the committee, composed of representatives of the tri-city commercial clubs, there was a faint ray of hope in one paragraph.

This portion was to the effect that while the officials were anxious to accede to the wishes of the committee, they would be unable to do so this winter. It may be that next summer, if proper attention is brought to bear upon the matter before the Rock Island railroad officials, the train may then be restored.

The passenger, it will be recalled, was taken off the schedule along with other changes in the line of trains operating into this city three weeks ago. The members of the commercial clubs of the three cities held a meeting and a committee was appointed to visit the Chicago officials and attempt to have the Bureau train restored.

Action was deferred by the latter and it was not until yesterday that the final answer was given.

## TYPHOID CASES UNDER CONTROL

Dr. G. G. Craig, City Physician, Makes Report on Fever Situation.

Dr. G. G. Craig, city physician, yesterday made a report to Commissioner Archie Hart relative to the typhoid fever situation in which he declared that every precaution was being taken and that cases were all well in hand. His report follows:

Five cases of typhoid fever are all that have been reported to this office Tuesday, Oct. 21. I requested the Visiting Nurses association to give me the names and addresses of all typhoid fever cases being treated with its help. No cases have been reported to me except these five cases, which have been reported by the attending physicians as required by law.

These cases are as follows: Ferdinand Dondt, 509 Thirtieth avenue, reported Oct. 7. Albert Dondt, 509 Thirtieth avenue, reported Oct. 7. Alfonso Tausels, 309 Eleventh avenue, reported Oct. 7. James Craig, 501 1/2 Seventh street, reported Oct. 8. Charles Martins, 706 Fourth street, reported Oct. 2.

In each of the above cases, a sanitary investigation was made. Samples of water were collected by R. W. Sharpe, city chemist, and a series of examinations made. On Oct. 19 the well at 509 Eleventh avenue was reported bad by Mr. Sharpe. On Oct. 20 legal notice was served upon the owner of the well, and the matter transferred to the legal department. I am informed that this well is now filled.

The well at 509 Thirtieth avenue is still under investigation by Mr. Sharpe, but no water can be obtained from it at the present time. The tests from the city taps in the other two cases did not show any contamination, and this department is looking for further sources of infection.

Respectfully,

G. G. CRAIG,  
City Physician.

#### POLICE NEWS

The inmates of the alleged blind pig, raided by the police Sunday afternoon, were arraigned in police court yesterday afternoon. George Pappas, the proprietor of the place, located at 145 Forty-fifth street, was fined \$10 and costs, while nine other Greeks were assessed \$1 and costs each. Several cases of beer were confiscated.

Washington.—President Wilson's nominations of four native Filipinos to the Philippine commission, one of whom is to be secretary of finance and justice for the islands, were confirmed by the senate.

## COUNCIL ORDERS BIG BILL BOARD TO BE REMOVED

Sign of Stoner-McCray System Taken Down for Violation of Ordinances.

### IS THE SECOND OFFENSE

Company Threatens Litigation if Property is Disturbed—Some Interesting Correspondence.

Unightly bill boards erected in defiance of the provisions of the city ordinances are to be a thing of the past in Rock Island. This morning Building Inspector J. H. Stapp, acting under instruction given him yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the city commission, tore down the bill board on the lot on Fifth avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, placed there by representatives of the Stoner-McCray system, an advertising concern of Des Moines.

There is an interesting bit of history behind this action taken by the building inspector. Recently O. O. Work of the above company placed a sign similar to the one destroyed on a lot on Third avenue between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. This was 10 feet high while the city ordinances state that the height must not exceed seven feet. However, because the company agreed to place the board back in the lot, Commissioner Archie Hart permitted it to stand on the distinct promise that the law would not be violated again.

#### SECOND OFFENSE.

Nevertheless, the company at once proceeded to erect another sign of the same kind on Fifth avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets. This action was naturally resented by the city authorities and the building inspector communicated with the Stoner-McCray system relative to it but received no reply. Commissioner Hart then took up the matter and received an insolent answer which in effect announced that if the property of the company was interfered with in any way, an injunction from the courts would be asked and legal action started.

City Attorney J. F. Witter, in an opinion to the council yesterday afternoon stated that the city did have a right to regulate the size of bill boards and acting on his advice, Commissioner Archie Hart offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted, instructing the building inspector to remove the bill board, regardless of the proposed litigation.

#### HART'S LETTER.

The letter of Commissioner Hart to the company follows:  
"Rock Island, Oct. 29, 1913.  
"Stoner-McCray System,  
"Des Moines, Iowa,  
"Gentlemen:—

"A few days ago O. O. Work of your company was in our city relative to one of your bill boards located in the 111 & 113 lot on Third avenue between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. After the matter was adjusted he promised me no more sign boards would be put up contrary to city ordinance. Notwithstanding this promise your company erected or had erected another bill board in violation of the city ordinance.

"Since that time our building inspector has communicated with you or your firm, but has failed to hear from you in regard to this matter. I am writing you in regard to this bill board as I do not intend to let this matter drop until the ordinance has been complied with. If I fail to hear from you within a reasonable time I intend to remove this board until the ordinance regulating the same has been complied with.

"Yours respectfully,

ARCHIE HART,  
"Commissioner."

#### THE SMART REPLY.

The very smart reply of the company is given below:  
"Des Moines, Oct. 21, 1913.  
"Archie Hart, Commissioner,  
"Rock Island, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

"We are in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. in relation to our removing certain signs which we are maintaining on ground that we are holding under written lease.

"I do not know what promises our Mr. Work made to you in regard to these signs, but I have been on the ground myself I would not have made any promises but would have put up the boards and if you had insisted on interfering in any way, I would have gotten out an injunction from the court, enjoining you from interfering with our business.

"I do not know whether you are anxious to drag your city into a lot of litigation, but if you do not want to do this, if you will take the trouble to look it up, or have your legal department look after this, you will find that the courts have held at least a dozen times that you can not interfere with the erection of bill boards unless it can be shown that they endanger the life and health of the public.

"If you desire to be reasonable about it, I will send you or the corporation counsel all the evidence you may require to convince you that this position is correct, but if you do not want to be reasonable we will have to resort to the courts to restrain you

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from damaging our property as threatened.

"Awaiting your further advice I am, Very respectfully,  
"STONER-MCCRAY SYSTEM.  
"By T. L. Stoner."

The board was taken down very properly by the city this morning and it is up to the people who placed it there to make the next move.

## SECOND OPERATION FOR S. J. FERGUSON

S. J. Ferguson, county superintendent of schools, this city, underwent a second operation this morning at St. Anthony's hospital in an effort to recover from the illness which he has suffered for the past two months. Conditions were found to be such that chances for his recovery are regarded as slight.

## ROCK ISLAND MAN IS JAILED AT BUFFALO

(Special to The Argus.)  
Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 28.—William M. Wilson of Rock Island, aged 22, was arrested here last night charged with larceny. It is alleged he stole a cut glass tray from a local department store.

#### PERSONAL POINTS

John B. Durham, 1030 First avenue, has gone to Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Frank Morse left last night for Eureka Springs, Ark., where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ohaver have returned from a visit to their son at Waterloo, Iowa.

County Clerk H. B. Hubbard and Supervisors George Richmond, Charles Tambur and William Trefz have gone to Morris, Ill., to attend the state convention of county clerks, supervisors and county commissioners. Mr. Hubbard is former treasurer of the association.

#### Dismiss Case.

The case of James A. Donahoe vs. Oliver Eckstrom, appeal by defendant, which was on trial this morning in Circuit court, was settled out of court for \$10,500 and the case dismissed.

#### WIRE SPARKS.

St. Louis.—Walter H. Sanborn, United States circuit judge, filed in the federal district court here an order permitting the receivers of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad to issue receivers' certificates to the extent of \$10,000,000 for the payment of preferential claims.

Boston.—Smallpox in Sydney, Australia, has caused the indefinite postponement of the world's Christian Endeavor convention, which was to have been held in that city early in March, 1914, according to a cablegram given out by Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the organization.

Seattle.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who has been living quietly near Kobe since the suppression of the rebellion in southern China, is contemplating a visit to Hawaii and the United States, according to William Thatcher of Boston, who has arrived in Seattle after six years in the interior of China.

New York.—Martin Vogel, who was recently appointed assistant treasurer of the United States in this city, was formally inducted into office Monday, his acceptance of the post having been hastened by the recent death of his predecessor, Charles S. Mifflington of Herkimer, N. Y.

Ottawa, Ill.—There was a sensational climax to the Black Holow murder case Monday when Sam Stracusa and Mike Spagnolo pleaded guilty and threw themselves upon the mercy of the court.

Springfield, Ill.—State Auditor Brady has issued a permit to William T. Robertson, Chandler Starr and Edward Lathrop for the organization of the Winnebago Bank and Trust company, a state concern, which will take over the former Winnebago National Bank of Rockford. The bank, as a state concern, will be capitalized at \$250,000.

St. Louis.—Sixty-five thousand Jews in this city are threatened with a meat famine. The sheekh who kill cattle in conformity with the Jewish ritual at the plant of the Armour Packing company threaten to go on a strike.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## PROSECUTOR DOES NOT GET AID HE SHOULD RECEIVE

State's Attorney F. E. Thompson Forced to Drop Goldberg Case in Court.

### CO-OPERATION IS LACKING

Declares Hereafter He Will Have to Secure Evidence Himself to Get Convictions.

When the evidence was concluded this morning in county court in the case of the People vs. Charles Goldberg, indicted on a charge of leasing a disorderly house, the defendant's attorney, John K. Scott, made a motion for the court to instruct the jury to find the issues for the defendant, which Judge B. S. Bell allowed.

State's Attorney F. E. Thompson, who was prosecuting the case, made a frank statement to the jury, confessing the motion, stating that under the evidence produced he could not honestly ask the jury to find the defendant guilty.

In discussing the case afterward, the state's attorney intimated very strongly that he had not been receiving the proper cooperation in the presenting of evidence for the prosecution of cases of this kind. It is one of a number pending under indictment by the last grand jury wherein the defendants are charged with renting or leasing premises for immoral purposes in the district inhabited by the undesirable of the colored race. It is very evident that unless the state's attorney is given the proper help, the prosecutions in such cases will fall flat. There can be no question that houses are rented to undesirables within the territory referred to, nor is there any question but that proper evidence should be placed in the state's attorney's hands to that effect.

#### MAKES STATEMENT.

This afternoon State's Attorney F. E. Thompson made the following statement relative to the matter:

"I placed on trial yesterday afternoon one of the owners of the property in that district in the city of Rock Island. This is the territory in which all the cutting and shooting has been taking place for the past year or more. The evidence produced against this property owner was similar to that against the others. It was so miserably weak that I could not get good conscience ask the jury to convict and I told them so. On motion of defendant, the court instructed the jury to find the defendant not guilty. The same thing would happen in the other cases if they were tried now.

"It is manifest that if this district is to be cleared of these undesirables, I shall have to secure the evidence myself. No one will furnish it for me. Therefore, I have asked the court to continue the cases until I can secure the evidence from my office. Any citizen who is interested may call at my office and see a transcript of the evidence before the grand jury in these cases."

#### Judgment Reversed.

(Special to The Argus.)  
Springfield, Ill., Oct. 28.—The supreme court today reversed the judgment of the circuit court of Rock Island county in the case of Anton Froyd, appellant, against Minnie Schultz, and remanded the case.

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